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SENIOR CLASS  
NINETEEN HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX  
WELDON, ILLINOIS



## DEDICATION OF THE NEW N. T. H. S.

At last a dream of long standing was materially realized when the conscientious efforts of far-seeing citizens of this community culminated in the erection of the new and substantial High School building. Surely money could not be better invested or with more appreciation than that which caused the establishment of our school, for with such an environment, the students are inspired to do the very best of which they are capable. It has promoted a feeling of good fellowship; for the citizens have realized they were working for a common and beneficial cause, and the students have had graciously illustrated to them the fact that the world hasn't lost any of its generosity, or the desire to do good. For this reason, if for no other, the building has amply justified itself.

On the afternoon of December 5, 1925, open house was observed in the new Nixon Township High School Building. People of the community showed their interest and enthusiasm by coming and inspecting the school plant under the able guidance of Mr. Fullenwider, Mr. Dressler, Miss Smith, and Mr. Shaw. It was with a note of pride that they could announce, "This is the Domestic Science Room," and "That is the Science Class room and Laboratory complete." Had we ever had these before? Surely their tone of proud possession was justified, and Mr. Shaw took care to display the quite frequently visited room off the assembly, which the inspectors were informed was the Principal's Office. After that afternoon, we guarantee that any fond parents would be far from ashamed to answer, "Nixon Township High School" when asked where their children attended school. They were decidedly and favorably impressed by the broad corridors, spacious, well-lighted and ventilated rooms, and modern conveniences.

On the evening of the same day, the High School was formally dedicated. Dr. Marvel, President of the Board of Education, introduced the speakers and announced the special numbers furnished by the Orchestra and Glee Club, which were under the competent direction of Miss Brown. The first feature was the song, "America," by the audience, and it surely made them feel at least a wee bit important to know that their voices were the first to be lifted in song in that room. The Orchestra then played a delightful number which apparently pleased the listeners. Mr. Kelley, the architect, dramatically gave possession of the building to Dr. Marvel by the significance of the key. The talks of both were clever and interesting because of what they meant to us. The Glee Club then made their appearance and rendered a three part song which was light and pretty. Mr. Shaw, principal of the High School, and Mr. Reeves, principal of the Grades, gave short talks that were good and well delivered. The Orchestra played a selection which was followed by an address from our County Superintendent, Mr. Roy Johnson. Although it was rather late, sleep was farthest from our minds after listening a few minutes to his well planned talk. He refused to lay any claims to oratory and considered well founded compliments as merely "sweetened wind"; nevertheless, we know his real worth and respect the sincerity and truth of his address—the main thread of which was: "Influence exerted upon us and that which we in turn, perhaps unconsciously, have on our friends." His talk was certainly well worth while. The program was completed by a stirring march ably executed by the Orchestra.

And thus was the conclusion of perhaps the most memorable day of activities of our new and beautiful Nixon Township High School.



## Mr. Shaw

We, the Senior Class of 1926, do gratefully dedicate our Nixonia to

Mr. R. C. Shaw

principal and class advisor, in appreciation of his constancy and devotion in his activities and helpful aid in the preparation of our annual.



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BACK ROW— Mr. Coffman, Mr. Dressler, Mr. Railsback  
FRONT ROW—Mr. Marsh; Dr. Marvel, President; Miss Smith, Secretary; Mr. Fullenwider.

## THE HIGH SCHOOL BOARD

We are deeply indebted to you, our Board, for the stand you have taken in the past and we take this inadequate method of acknowledging it. You have been untiring sponsors in the construction of a new and beautiful high school, of our scholastic activities, and have been responsible for the engagement of the best possible talent for our faculty.

You have undergone difficult situations and trying situations that the young people of Nixon Township might be better educated and more conveniently quartered while attaining their higher education, and we want you to know that we understand, and although ours can be only a minor realization of your great labors, even then it is for us to admit that we will always be your appreciative debtors.

We are now in a progressive stage following a delightful metamorphosis, and may the progress and success for which you are responsible always continue.

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"Men for truth stand fast and suffer long."—Wayne Reeser.

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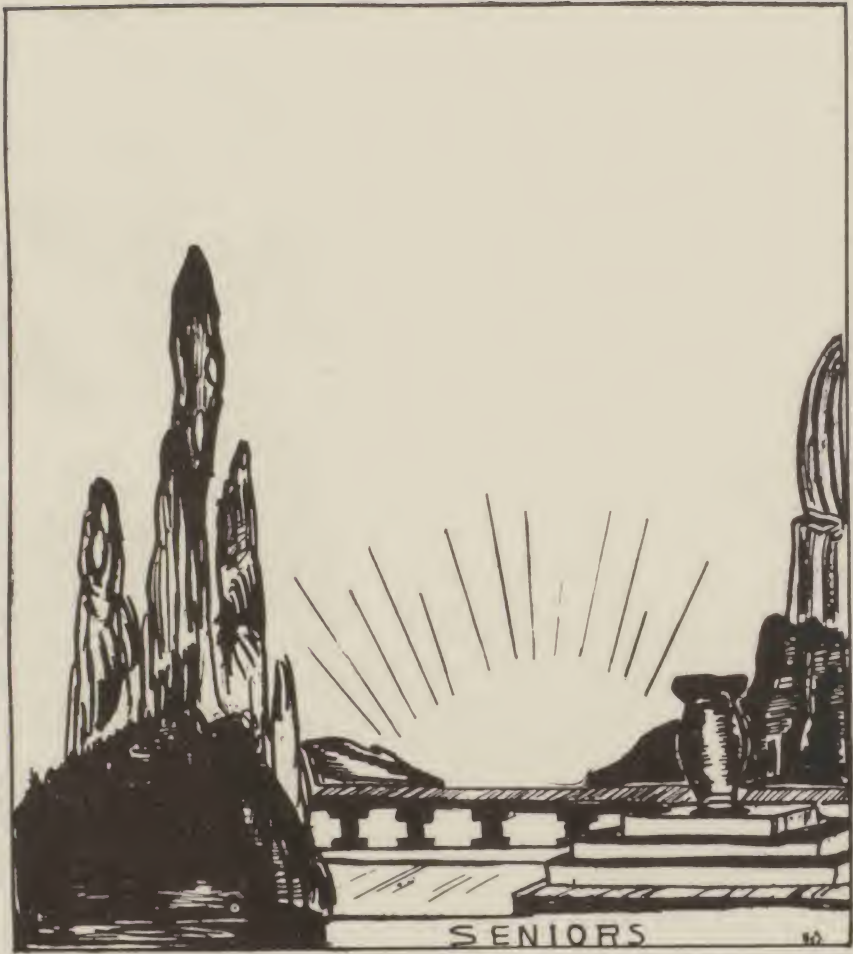


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SENIORS

## CLASS POEM

'Twas only four short years ago,  
That we entered Nixon High;  
Those years have passed with fleeting wings,  
Our parting now is nigh  
By friendship true our hearts are bound,  
Deep rooted is our love;  
In brotherhood we've worked as one,  
As we've climbed to heights above.  
We've reached the goal that We've rightly earned,  
With four hard years of toil;  
With no dishonor on our name,  
Our deeds have proved us loyal.  
We fling a glance backwards o'er the years,  
And memories sad we find:  
Though we face the world with fearless hearts,  
We leave a tear behind.  
We hate to leave the dear old school,  
Its hard to part at last:  
Give up the friendships of the years,  
Give up the days now passed.  
We've met the trials of school together,  
We face the world—Alone;  
We face it bravely—Not a fear,  
We won't complain or groan.  
We've learned our lessons in the school,  
That we can n'er forget;  
We've learned them well; they will help us much  
We n'er can pay our debt.  
Our school shall e'er stretch out to us,  
An ever guiding hand;  
Though we may drift far from our school days past,  
Afar in distant lands.

—U. W. '26.







IKE REINHART

"An honest man, close buttoned to the chin,  
Broadcloth without and warm heart within."

Transferred from DeLand Township High School. L. A. A., 4; Alethenae, 4; Play Manager, 4; Tennis Club Manager, 4; B. B. Manager, 4; Sales Campaign Manager, 4.

GLADYS PETERSON, "Gus"

"On with the dance!  
Let joy be unconfined."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Nixola Society, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis Club, 4; G. B. B., 4; Joke Editor, 4; All on Account of Polly, Gipsy Rover, Class Play; French Club, 1, 2; Latin Club, 1, 2.

VAUGHN EDWARDS, "Sparky"

"Every inch of his height  
Is an inch of delight."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; V. President, 2; President, 3; Play, 2; Class Play, 4; Minstrel, 2; Alethenae, 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Editor, 4; Football, 2, 3, 4; B. B., 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain, 4, All-Star Center, County, 4.

MILDRED PETERSON

"Only the actions of the just smell sweet and blossom in the dust."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Alethenae, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sec. and Treas., 3; Class Treasurer, 1; Class President, 3; Class Prophecy, 4; Class Play, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Gipsy Rover, 2; French Club, 1, 2; Latin Club, 1, 2; Tennis Club, 4.





ULA WHITEHEAD, "Bob"

"Her lovely looks a sprightly mind discloses."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Nixola, 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; French Club, 3, 4; G. B. B., 4; Sec. and Treas. Class, 2; V. President French Club, 3; Secretary L. A. A., 4; Class Play, 3, 4; Calendar Editor, 4; Class Poem, 4; Tennis Club, 4.

LESTER BAKER, "Bake"

"He was one of the most upright men I ever knew."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4, V. President, 3; Nixola, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 3, 4; B. B., 3, 4; Tennis Club, 4; Class Play, 3, 4; Class President, 4; Athletic Editor, 4.

JUANITA R. MARTIN

"Begone dull care; thou and I shall never agree."

Transferred from Cisco H. S. L. A. A., 4; Altheae, 4; President Orchestra, 4; Treasurer Glee Club, 4; Sec. and Treas. Tennis Club, 4; Snapshot Editor Nixon, 4; Class Play, 4.

JEANETTE RHODES

"The star of the unconquered will."

L. A. A., 3, 4; G. G. C., 1, 2; Nixola, 1, 2, 3, 4; All on Account of Polly, 3; Bashful Mr. Bobbs, 3; Girls Basket Ball, 4; Engaged by Wednesday, 4.

PAGE HOOPS

"It is not knowledge that doth alone clear the mind of all perturbations?"

Transferred from DeLand Township High School. L. A. A., 4; Alethenae, 4; V. President Class, 4; Class Play, 4.

LENA BEBIE

"To doubt her fairness were to want an eye."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3; French Club, 3, 4; Nixola, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play, 3, 4; G. B. B., 4; Operetta, 2; V. President Nixola, 4.

LEWIS PEACOCK, "Sleepy"

"He was a man, take him for all in all; I shall not look upon his like again."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Alethenae, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sec. and Treas. Class, 4; Basket Ball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Second All-Star Center Co. Tournament, 3; First All-Star Center, Kenney Invitational Tournament, 3; Second All-Star Forward, County, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain, 4; Class Play, 3, 4; Business Manager Nixonia, 4; President Tennis Club, 4; President Alethenae, 4.

HELEN BAKER

"I say little and accomplish much."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; French Club, 3, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; Alethenae, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Class Play, 3.







LELA ROSEMAN

"Her eye (I'm very fond of handsome eyes) was large and dark."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Altheaenae, 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, 1, 2; French Club, 3, 4; Secretary Class, 1; V. President Class, 2; Operetta, 2; The Second Puncture, 3; Miss Somebody Else, 1; Class Play, 3, 4; Valedictorian, 4.

HARRY ORVIL WISE

"I will it, I so order it, let my will stand as a reason."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Altheaenae, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Basket Ball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Track, 2; Athletic Play, 1, 2; Altheaenae Play, 3; Class Play, 3, 4.

RUTH DRESSLER

"Virtuous she—and modest."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; President Class, 1; Treasurer, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2; Orchestra, 4; Altheaenae, 1, 2, 3, 4; V. President, 4; Class Play, 4; Editor-in-Chief Nixonian, 4; Salutatorian, 4.

MARGARET CARR, "Peggy"

"Herself a fairer flower."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta, 2; Nixola, 1, 2, 3, 4; Sec. and Treas., 3; President, 4; V. President Class, 1, 3; French Club, 3, 4; Class Play, 3, 4; Asst. Editor-in-Chief Nixonian, 4; G. B. B., 4.



WAYNE KING

"An honest heart possesses a kingdom."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 3, 4;  
B. B., 3, 4; French Club, 3, 4;  
Class Play, 3, 4; Alethenae, 1, 2,  
3, 4.

MABLE GLASGOW

"An open-hearted maiden, true and pure."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club, 1;  
French Club, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2,  
3, 4; Class Play, 4; Alethenae, 1,  
2, 3, 4; G. B. B., 4; Tennis Club, 4.

VERA BAKER

"One too wholly true to dream untruth."

L. A. A., 1, 2, 3, 4; Nixola, 1, 2, 3,  
4, Sec. and Treas., 4; Latin Club,  
1, 2; Class Play, 3, 4; Second Punc-  
ture, 3; G. B. B., 4.



## CLASS PROPHECY

It is New Year's day of the year 2000. The sun still appears to rise in the east in the morning and set in the west in the evening. It is setting now, for the shades of dusk are fast settling and concealing a lonely and already snow-hidden cabin in the wilds of Montana. The population has increased enormously, but the greater part of the increase is in the large cities. With the new physical chemistry, discovery of Mr. Harry Wise, farming is not carried on as extensively as before. Now we are living on food made chiefly from the elements of the air by a special electrical process, quite similar to the action called photosynthesis, but on a larger and more rapid scale. Thanks to the "Wise" man for his discovery.

The dusk is changing into darkness and the cabin is concealed, save for some beams of light which have stolen around a curtain to play on the shiny white snow.

Mr. Lewis Peacock has recently completed a gigantic engineering project whereby he piped the Pacific Ocean into Death Valley. The power realized is used to supply the western half of the United States with electric light and power via wireless. The very beams of light which we see shining across the snow are made possible by this great achievement.

We rap at the door and a short, heavy set, gray-haired old lady opens the door and bids us come in. We enter a cozy little room, all radiant with light from electric lamps and a glowing fireplace. This is an electric fireplace which heats the entire room. Over in one corner near the fireplace stands a radio, quite similar to the ones we had in 1926. They still use vacuum tubes and tuning inductance, just as our electric autos of today have four wheels and a power unit.

On this radio there is an added accessory whereby radio television is possible. It is the ground glass screen which appears on top of the radio, as loud speakers previously did. With this addition you can see the announcer at the station, the orchestra, or whatever appears in front of the telescope arrangement.

We are all comfortably seated about the room, talking of the weather and current events. The conversation is inclined to drift back to childhood days with our class mates.

Mildred: "Well, you see I am here on a homestead, teaching a small country school. Yes, I'm an old maid, but not from choice."

"Lena Bebie! How well I remember her. 'Number, please?'"

Since telephones have gone out of business she has accepted a position as announcer at WCBD, Zion, Illinois. I wonder if she can powder her nose as she did at school. Yes, it is time for Zion now." (Tunes set).

Lena speaks: "Station WCBD, Zion, Illinois. Lena Bebie announcing, and now signing off until ten o'clock tomorrow morning. Good night."

Mildred: "She looks just as she always did. I talked with Margaret Carr the other day. Her name isn't Carr now, and she lives on a farm over near Farmer City, Illinois. I talked with her every month from Twin Falls by radio. Twin Falls is just fifteen miles from here."

"Ike Rinehart? Yes, he has just returned from Africa where he has been studying the bat population. He speaks at eight-twenty this evening from WEA, New York City. It is that time now. (Tunes radio). There he is."

Ike speaks: "Flappers, old maids, and gentlemen. I can't see you but you can see me. This evening I shall speak on the bat population of Africa."

Mildred: "Sure looks like Ike. He was such a good natured boy, always wanting to do good turns, and asking to see all the girls home."

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"A witty woman is a treasure,"—Lela Roseman.



"Ruth Dressler—I forgot to tell you that she lives in Death Valley, too; beyond that I cannot say.

"Page Hoops? Yes, she and Mable Glasgow are cousins of mine. The man Page wanted, wouldn't have her, and the fellows that would have her, she wouldn't have; so she took Mabel as a companion with her, years ago, to Greenland. She thought the climate would agree with her, but the last I heard, she was as skinny as ever.

"Vaughn Edwards stopped at their Iglo on his return from his trip to Mindoland, the new country just this side of the North Pole. It is a fine tropical country surrounded by mountains, and kept warm by hot springs and geysers. Helen Baker went along to cook for Vaughn, but she never returned. It is reported that she fell in love with one of the natives, and married him. No, Vera Baker is no relation to Helen—she is a seamstress and dictates the styles for flappers. Gee, it is nine o'clock! I understand that she speaks from IWW tonight. There she is now."

Vera: "The complete dress requires one yard of material and the trimmings to suit the individual."

Mildred: "Gee, she looks just as she always did!

"Ula Whitehead—sure, she married an electrical engineer, who works for the I. C. She lives in Chicago. I look for her out to see me this spring, when the sago lilies are blooming down in the valley.

"Juanita Martin, poor girl! She never found a man good enough for her, but she is still waiting. The latest communication from Mars is that when Earth and Mars are in conjunction, some of the Martians have planned to travel across and visit us. Juanita hopes to find a suitable companion among some of them. She still plays her bells just as she did in high school. In fact, I think she is on tonight's program from station 9KLP, Weldon, Illinois. (Tunes radio, hears bells, and sees Juanita's picture on television screen.) There she is now, playing a love melody.

"Lester Baker enlisted in the air service, shortly after he graduated from High School. He has advanced to the rank of Captain. Tomorrow he makes a test flight from Los Angeles to New York in the only flying machine which receives its power from the air. He hopes to make the trip in an hour and three minutes. A speedy boy! Remember when he used to drive a Ford coupe?

"My sister? You mean Gladys. She lived up to her vow, that she would be an old maid. But all the broken hearts! It was surely awful the way she treated them!

"Wayne King, bought a drug store of his own. He got the fever when he worked for 'Mac.' He's getting along fine, since he concocted that new drink. You see his picture on all the bill-boards, and they even send his ads by radio television. There he is now.

"Poor Jeanette went to Australia as a missionary and married the first man she saw after she got off the ship. He was the son of the ruler of a tribe of Australians. When his father died, he became ruler. Can you imagine Queen Jeanette?

"That leaves Lela Roseman. I haven't heard from her for several years. She went into the ministry and married a preacher. They went on their honeymoon to Jerusalem, stayed there a couple of years, and are now working in Egypt on a geological survey unearthing buried cities, tombs, pyramids, and other interesting things. From their findings, they have been able to give us the complete history of the world since man came into it. They settled the Evolution question, and I know of no greater accomplishment since the time Lela worked her teachers for grades.

"As for myself, I am just an old maid school teacher on a claim in the wilds of Montana. The rest of my classmates are scattered all over the earth and have made great contributions to society. That I am a member of that class, alone fills my heart with gladness."

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"The cautious seldom err."—Vera Baker.



## CLASS WILL

We, the seniors of the Nixon Township High School, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, do make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament; that is to say:

We give, devise, and bequeath to our parents, friends, Board of Education and the faculty, sincere thanks for the many willing contributions they have given us in making our education possible.

To the Juniors we give the first row of seats next to the windows, and we hope that they will not have the shades torn off in order that they may see who is going by.

To the Sophomores and Freshmen we leave one of the basket balls in case the coach fails to give them his.

In addition to this, we leave to Bill Bebie, Lewis Peacock's ability as a star basket ball player; and his spectacles we give to Bonnie Ayers.

We leave Gladys' ability as joke editor to "Jimmy" and well I guess you'd better begin now, Jimmy.

To Margaret and Eileen we leave Sparky's Ford so that they won't have to get up so early to start to school; and Lester Baker wishes to present his horse to them in case it is raining and Sparky's Ford refuses to go.

Mabel's ability to get her lessons we leave to Blanche Crowe.

Juanita leaves her ability and position as yell leader to Lela Rainey and her bluffing in history class to John Ennis.

To Eileen Fleming we leave Lena's sudden outbursts of sneezing and coughing.

We leave Page's red hair to Dale Conn, and her ever ready blush to Pauline Goken.

Wayne's and Harry's abilities as annual advertisers are left to Denzil Halcom and Walter Dressler.

Mildred's severe cough we leave to Dale, but we advise Dale to keep from sitting close to the window.

Ike's glasses we give to Louise Jamison in case she breaks or loses hers. Ike doesn't think he'll need them much longer.

Sparky's height we leave to Irene Smith so that she won't have to stretch her neck any more. Elijah Rhodes can call at the office for his basket ball suit.

Lela Roseman's ability to get her history lessons we leave to Martha Turner. But Martha is not to try too hard.

Margaret Carr leaves her reducing exercises to Ethel Turner.

To Margaret Railsback we bequeath Lela's vocabulary.

To Bonnie Ayers we leave Jeanette's saucy ways and her argumentative disposition.

Harry's marcel and wisdom we wish to leave to Doris, and his score keeping ability to Melvin Long.

Ula and Jeanette's magazines we leave to the Barclay sisters.

We hereby nominate and appoint Mr. Shaw executor of this will.

Signed this twenty-eighth day of May, in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

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"To the pure, all things are pure."—Ula Whitehead.

## SENIOR CHARGE

Juniors and under classmen, we, the class of nineteen hundred twenty-six wish to impress upon you the great responsibility which rests upon you, that of being worthy seniors in the Nixon Township High School. It is proper that we do this, as you will be thrown wholly on your own mental resources in your senior year. We do not offer this advice because we are a model class, but because we are more experienced than you. We can say "We have been through the mill," and from experience we know the serious problems that shall confront you and we wish to advise you upon their happy solution.

Although we have acted wisely in many things, you have also made mistakes. One never succeeds unless one makes mistakes. All great people commit errors. Even as Seniors, we must confess we have have blundered many times. The important thing, however, is to rise above your mistakes, conquer your weaknesses, and so achieve glory and renown.

First, we wish to impress upon your inexperienced minds that each member of your class must work for the benefit of the class, regardless of his own pleasure.

Secondly, we advise you to give your personal opinion as to every matter that you must decide. Do not agree with any one else unless you are fully convinced of his or her correctness. And do not throw the responsibility upon the shoulders of two or three of your classmates, nor agree to this selective method of class organization.

We want to remind you of the capability of the senior girls, for through their careful planning, our class has completed four successful years in high school.

Thirdly, we compare our musical abilities with those of your class. Several of our girls are members of the Girls' Glee Club. One member is pianist for the Glee Club and also plays in the Orchestra.

Fourthly, we would have you note the difference in the athletic standard of the two classes. Out of six boys in our class, four are athletes. Three are letter members, and one was chosen captain of the basket ball team, one of the football team. We were represented by five on the football squad, and several All Star teams were made by our athletes. We hope that your boys will aim at the goal ours have attained.

We wish to advise you about your behavior and attitude in school. When you are in class do not sit and gaze into space, but pay attention to what the teacher is saying and be ready to answer all questions. This sleepiness in class is not beneficial to you and is distressing to the teacher. We know that you are normally tired, but advise you to wake up. Do not acquire the habit of answering the questions with these words, "I DON'T KNOW"—what you do not know, you had better find out. If you want to be ignorant, don't know and don't come to school.

We advise you to get to school on time. Some of your members must acquire this habit or a great deal of money will be spent next year by the Board of Education in buying excuse blanks. When you enter the building, have a smile on your face. It improves the morning.

We advise you to come to school clean and dressed neatly, as it will make you feel better and also please your teacher.

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"Surely I shall know more next year."—Melvin Long.



You all know our attainments and achievements. I have not mentioned all, however, for we have in our class, musicians, poets, mathematicians, intellectualists, and winning personalities. An excellent program can be given by our class, as has been proved by the class plays of this and last year.

Now we feel we have given you sufficient advice to make you a group of successful seniors next year. We do not say these things because we wish to boast, but to show you what you can hope to attain if you will humbly consider your many faults which we have called to your attention, and try to live up to standards such as ours.

Remember, frivolities must give place to work, which will bring you to the top round of the ladder. The Seniors all join in wishing you the best success during the following year.

May you climb to the goal surpassing even ours, so that Nixon High may ever be proud to number you among her students.

—R. D. 26

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## JUNIOR RESPONSE

In the spirit of harmony and of progress that has unfailingly characterized the attitude of the Junior Class, we accept the charge which it is the traditional prerogative of the Senior class to place upon us. Such action is consistent with the sense of true humility with which the younger and less experienced should always defer to the dignity and experience of age.

The criticisms of the upper class are happily free from the arrogant dictation that too often emanates from the overly-distended brain of the haughty senior; and we defer the more graciously to their exhortations because of this gentility of expression and obvious sincerity of purpose, supplemented by a candid confession that even in the exalted station to which they have attained, it has not been impossible for them to err.

We may say without fear of contradiction that the Junior class possesses to a greater degree than any other class in the history of our school those traits and characteristics that make inevitably for success. For instance, our sense of discernment is such that we could not fail to mark the many follies and weaknesses of the upper classmen, although a spirit of charity has led us invariably to view with a kindly tolerance their almost childish mistakes, and to appear unconscious of them.

The Seniors need fear no failure of co-operation among the membership of our class. Our class councils have been featured by a unanimity of purpose and decision that has been the admiration of the faculty and the envy and despair of other classes.

It is possible that on occasion some of us were late to class, but that should not fret our friends unduly. Indeed, our failure to arrive on time argues a virtue rather than a fault, for it is indicative that activities and responsibilities in the home are likewise dependent upon us. While we concede that promptness is a virtue, we left behind us in the grades the childish ambitions to score a perfect tardiness

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"Feminine—nay indeed he was most manly."—Russel Fullenwider.



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record, and we do not hesitate to sacrifice an early arrival at school to effectiveness in other equally creditable lines of endeavor.

We have always detested the tone of boastfulness pervading so many class histories; but no one will consider immodest or exaggerated our assertion that the school has never seen our counterpart as regards versatility and a consequent participation in school activities of all kinds. Only with reluctance born of a fine considerateness for the feelings of others less happily endowed do we proceed to a comparison of the relative accomplishments of the two classes. It is significant that both the President and Vice-President of the Girls' Glee Club were selected from our number, and that of its twenty members, ten are Juniors and only three are Seniors. Similarly our representation in the orchestra is seven of a total of twelve, only one Senior qualifying for that organization. It is hinted that in both instances the ratio of membership was mathematically determined with a view to allowing the Seniors as extensive representation as possible without ruining the harmony.

In athletics we retained the same relative superiority. Our team was a symphony of grace and motion, whereas by contrast the senior team was slow and listless, conscious from the beginning that they were hopelessly out-classed, accepting as a matter of course the defeat which our team administered to them.

The foregoing comparison of the merits and achievements of the two classes is as embarrassing to us as it must be humiliating to the Seniors, and we are impelled to it only to disabuse the minds of the Seniors of a thoughtlessly expressed apprehension that their mantle may not be falling upon worthy shoulders, and to imbue them, in entering upon the serious responsibilities of life, with a realization of the need to appraise more carefully true human values.

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### PEN PICTURES

EXASPERATION, .....	Harry Wise
HOPE DEFERRED, .....	The Seniors
CONSOLATION, .....	Harriet
AMBITION, .....	Melvin
INTUITION, .....	Vaughn
MODERATION, .....	Bernice Olson
DESPAIR, .....	Lewis and Ruth
MURDER, .....	Senior Basket Ball Team
ECSTASY, .....	Lena
FROLIC, .....	THE YUMPING JUNIORS
INVENTION, .....	EXCUSE BLANKS

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"Mistress of herself, tho' China fall."—Margaret Railsback.

## SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

One rainy day as I sat in a large arm chair, leisurely reading a novel, the memories of high school came back to me. The next thing that came to me was the memory of my classmates. Where could I find my diary book? Subconsciously I climbed the stairs to look among my old high school books. There under all of them lay my diary book slowly yellowing from age. Turning the pages I read:

"Forty! A real jolly bunch of Freshmen. The largest class ever enrolled at N. T. H. S." I smiled as I recalled the day.

Following the example, as put forth by the upper classes, the Freshmen were the last to organize. The following officers were elected: President, Ruth Dressler; Vice President, Margaret Carr; Secretary, Elmer Shinneman; Treasurer, Mildred Peterson. Elmer Shinneman later resigned and Katherine Newport was elected.

Our motto chosen was: "With the ropes of the past we will ring the bells of the future." The American Beauty was the flower chosen and the colors were red and white.

The Freshmen gave a Hallowe'en party on October 28, 1922. Everybody enjoyed the evening immensely. The rest of our Freshmen year passed rather quietly.

In 1923 we entered old Nixon as dignified Sophomores. We had decreased in number, yet we still had a very large class. The officers elected were: President, Keith Roberts; Vice President, Lela Roseman; Secretary, and Treasurer, Ula Whitehead.

On Hallowe'en night the Sophomores gave a party inviting the Senior class. All were masked and the evening was spent playing games. Refreshments were served and all left at a rather late hour declaring they had had a splendid time. The last semester a new member joined us, Page Hoops.

In 1924 we again entered Nixon. There were nineteen enrolled. We organized, and the following officers were elected: President, Mildred Peterson; Vice President, Margaret Carr; Treasurer and Secretary, Ruth Dressler. Miss Kendall was our advisor.

The Juniors feeling quite happy and peppy desired to have a party so in October they had a wiener roast. Many games and comical stunts were shown by our teachers.

One day a meeting of the Juniors was called and we selected our class rings and received them just before vacation time at Xmas. Time was flying, and we Juniors had to get busy so a class play was selected. We began our play and it was successfully given on April 25th. On May 22nd the Junior and Senior banquet was held at the K. P. Hall. The hall was elaborately decorated.

Seniors, at last, we were on our last goal. We entered Nixon numbering eighteen. At this time, Juanita Martin, Page Hoops, and Ike Rhinehart entered our class.

The officers elected were: President, Lester Baker; Vice President, Page Hoops; Secretary and Treasurer, Lewis Peacock, and Mr. Shaw was chosen our class advisor.

We started in the old high school but on October 30th, we moved to the new building. Everyone was so amazed that study was far from our minds and ability until we grew used to it.

The Seniors and Juniors were entertained at the new school house by the Freshmen and Sophomores. Everyone had a good time. The Seniors wanted a party so in order to accomplish work and a party also, a nut cracking party was held in the basement of the high school.

The Seniors started on a class play and it was given very successfully in the new High School Auditorium, December 8th.

The Seniors selected two other class plays which were given successfully.

As I looked up it was growing dusk. I had spent most of my afternoon reliving high school days.



## VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Honored Board of Education, Teachers, Classmates, and Friends: As we, the Class of 1926, approach the end of our high school days, our thoughts are carried forward to the great beyond—that mysterious something of which we know so little—life. To some of us, life is one flowery mead where there are no desperate steps to scale. To others "soft ideals" seem very inconsistent with life, and to these is given that resolution and indomitable will to be perpetually "up in arms" to do and dare. To some, life is something rich and full because of their deep devotion to God. Alas! to many of us, life remains a complete mystery.

To me, life is as a many mansioned ship on a long and unknown journey. The ship is a plan of the Creator, and in it there is opportunity for everyone. In the building of the ship, the greatest care and skill was employed, the strongest timber was selected, and within its starboards was placed the most efficient equipment, while at the steersman's helm stood a most adept Pilot, assisted by capable "deck-hands." In spite of all this care, time showed the need of some superior, exterior guide, and in the course of events, a Light House was erected, whose beacon directed the "Ship" across the turbulent, windward seas of life.

As for the ship's apartments, there are four, which are representative of human life. The first step into, I shall call the infant or "Thoughtless Chamber," in which we, the occupants of this masterpiece, remain, as long as we do not think; but, at length, we are imperceptibly impelled by the awakening of the thinking faculty within us. We no sooner get into the second chamber, which is called "The Chamber of Maiden Thought," than we see nothing but pleasant wonders, and think of delaying there forever. However, here one's vision is sharpened into the heart and nature of mankind, and then it is that we first realize that there are pain, oppression, disappointments to bear in this world. Then the Winter of Life approaches, that "Dear Old Gray Age"—cloaked with life's vivid memories.

In an instant there is a booming of the waves against the breakwater and a rattling through the shutters. Another second and the ship's whistle sounds long and deep, sending its melody across the throbbing waves. O, it seems to strike some chord in the very center of our being and we are all sparkle and spirit.

The ship of '26 has started on its voyage. But behold! a rainbow appeareth on the eastern horizon symbolical of Hope. We revive that old adage:

"As long as a man keeps hope,  
At the Prow he keeps afloat."

Wider and wider grows the stretch of water between the boat and the wharf. The Pilot steers mightily onward while the mile-posts come in sight and, as quickly, our vision of them is blurred.

The sand in the hour-glass has gone its limit for the millionth time, and the Light House Keeper faithfully remains at his post. We are sailing, sailing for the long-wished for port—our desired goal.

In our character, we find the building of the ship. If our construction material in the Prime of Life be defective, our characters will not withstand the storm of life. Realizing this, our teachers have taken care to make us strong

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"Ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference,"—Aleta.



and firm, well able to cope with the varied circumstances found along life's highway.

In the Ship's equipment we will find that instruction, those first and basic principals that are essential ones in every child's life, but which some indifferent parents fail to give.

God, the Eternal Light-house Keeper, in whom our faith is well grounded, keeps vigil night and day, and stands out like a snow-crowned peak against the gathering storm clouds. Like some snow-clad mountain, visible from every part of the plain, so is Christ on the hopeful horizon of every man's soul.

Our class of '26 fills a place in this mysterious ship of life. We are the occupants of that second apartment.

"The Chamber of Maiden Thought." We, too, would refrain from entering the "Chamber of Oppression".

Thus prepared we are going forth. It is to you, our parents, that we owe our initial strength: you have imparted to us the quality of the material with which those who prepare us for life will have to work. You have sent us out into the world with a Forward Look, an Upward Reach, and a Helping Hand.

It is you, our teachers, whom we thank for your added strength of our characters' material. You have trained us and given us "faculties of Ability."

And now, as we go forth, some of us will find places at once, in life's ship. They will be incorporated immediately, fulfilling the purpose for which they live. For others, the time will be longer.

Classmates, let us never forget, we are here for a purpose—to be without a purpose is a ship without a rudder.

When at last the great ship is examined, may there be no imperfections caused by the class of '26. So, storm-tossed but triumphant, may our vessel be brought in at last to happy anchorage, just as we read in the Biblical passage, "So he bringeth them into their desired haven". And, may I add, I should like to hear tolling out, as we near the Shore of Life, the bell of joy rung by our own parents, "the fisher-folks" and all those who dwell on the sea of life. Also may God, the Eternal Light House Keeper flash a hearty welcome as his calm but deliberate voice echoes out, "Is all well?" May we in good faith, echo back, "All is well."

Classmates of '26, Members of the Board of Education, who have stood back of our endeavors, and teachers grown so dear through the brief and happy four years, let us, as we bid you farewell, quote these few lines:

Like Ships our days sail swift to port,  
We wish the Ship of '26 may be,  
The one to bear a cargo rare,  
Of bountiful praise, O! Nixon High, to thee.

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"The mildest manners and the gentlest heart."—Mary Conover.

## SALUTATORY

In behalf of my class, I greet you. We realize that this is an important event in our lives, for it marks the end of our High School career and it also marks the beginning of a new life. This is a joyous night to us, for we have completed one of the main steps which lead to success. Still, it brings a sad thought as we think of parting with classmates, but we realize we must do this if we are able to go out into the world and make good citizens.

And now that we are to be graduated, what does graduation mean? Graduation does not indicate the end of educational pursuits but we interpret it to mean an opportunity for going farther in our education.

We are grateful to the faculty who have done so much for us during our sojourn in the High School. Especially are we grateful to Mr. Shaw, who has been with us during the four years of our high school career and who has helped us so much.

We wish to thank our parents, who have made it possible for us to attend school.

We know not what the future holds for us, but we shall step forth into the busy world with hearts full of hope and courage and continue to "build the ladder by which we climb."

Once again in behalf of the Class of Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Six, I bid you welcome.

—Ruth Dressler '26

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Freshmen—"You've made monkeys out of us."

Sophomores—"Don't blame us for nature's little jokes."

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Irregular things happen regularly.

Yep. The sun suns, the moon moons, and Sleepy sleeps; and while we are at it, Sparky sparks. Oh, U!—La!

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"A man's a man for a' that."—Dale Conn.

"I seek not to wax great by others waning."—Mr. Shaw.

"I hope you seniors have done yourself proud."—Miss Balsley.

"Pretty eyes—You beautiful eyes."—Elsie Polston.

"Harmony is the strength of my kingdom."—Miss Heidler.

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"I am happiest when I have little to do."—Kenneth Smith.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dear Friends and Classmates:

The class of 1926 of Nixon Township High School, is soon to be scattered out into the world. As president of this class, I wish to say a word before leaving, that this last meeting together is in a sense, one of a sorrowful nature. It does not seem possible that our four years of school and our four years of pleasure has come to an end. It means the parting of real friends, and the parting of friends is parting with one of the greatest things in the world.

A word of thanks to those who have made it possible our graduating from this great institution of learning. As a class we extend sincere thanks to the faculty who have helped, advised and supported us. To the Board of Education and voters of the community who brought about the building of this structure in 1925 and thus giving the Class of '26 the honor of being the first to graduate from it. Parents, you who have put forth efforts that we might be given a chance in today's modern world, we extend our appreciation. Underclassmen, I deem it a duty to thank you for your hearty co-operation during our four years here. Our school days would have been dull without you.

Now, dear classmates, my thoughts of you will forever remain with me and at our parting, to go the ways of life, will leave a tender spot in a large corner of my heart, which you have held for four years. Electing me president of your great class is an honor which anyone might be proud and claim no exception. I thank you for your trust in me to guide you through our great year in Nixon Township High School.

Now in closing, I hope our friendship does not end now or ever, and if we should chance to meet, extend a welcome hand and a cheery smile. Thus the President of the Class of '26 must say Farewell and Goodbye, Good Luck and God Bless You. I thank you.

Lester Baker.



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NIXONIA

## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Orchestra,       -       -       -       -       -       Selection

## Invocation

Orchestra,       -       -       -       -       -       Selection

Address,       -     -     -     -     Rev. Carpenter,  
                    Of Peoria

Orchestra, - - - - - Selection

Presentation of Diplomas, - Dr. L. M. Marvel,  
President Board of Education, Nixon Township  
High School

## Benediction

Orchestra,       -       -       -       -       -       Selection

"These girls just pester me to death."—Elijah Rhodes.





BACK ROW—Wayne Meredith, Margaret Railsback, Eileen Fleming, Charlotte Barclay, Grace Goken, Walter Dressler, Kenneth Thurber,  
 FRONT ROW—Miss Weber, Willard G. ft. Jessie Baker, Carol Adams, Pearl Long, Laura Barclay, Thelma Glenn, Russell Fullenwider,  
 Kenneth Smith, Irene Smith, Bernice Bebie.



## CLASS HISTORY OF THE JUNIORS, 1926

In September only seventeen members enrolled in the Junior Class but they were just as peppy and full of life as they had been when they were Freshmen and Sophomores.

They chose for their officers: Margaret Railsback, President; Grace Goken, Vice President; Carol Adams, Secretary; Wayne Meredith, Treasurer; Miss Webber, Class Advisor.

The Juniors showed remarkable enthusiasm by their numerous pop corn and candy sales which added to their funds in the treasury. They also displayed their talent in the Junior Class Play given April 8th. It was well attended and the Juniors received a good reward for their efforts.

The Junior girls took part in athletics and had a team of their own. The boys placed second in the annual Class Tournament, being defeated by the Sophomores after a hard game.

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"Everyone like and respect a self made man."—Ike Rienhart.

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SO IS YOUR OLD LADY.

MY, MY, MY \*\*\*\* SO IS YOURS.

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Definition of Latin: A dead language spoken by the ancient Romans and flunked by modern high school students. ITEM: Also English, French, and Profane.

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A "Go-Getter" is a person willing to try anything once.  
So we understand. It's your turn, Max—IT SURE IS.

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"Looking wistfully with wide, blue eyes as in a picture."—Jessie Baker.

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"Do you know why you haven't red hair?"  
"No! Why?"  
"Ivory doesn't rust."

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"He was a good fellow, is he?"—Max Goken.



SOPHOMORES







BACK ROW—Lela Rainey, Helen Baker, Pauline Goken, Donald Lisenby, Max Goken, Dale Conn, James Baker.  
 FRONT ROW—Miss Balsley, Denzil Halkom, Harriet Roseman, Elijah Rhodes, Bernice Olson, Martha Turner, John Ennis, Cecil Peacock,  
 Mary Conover.

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### SOPHOMORE CLASS

#### OFFICERS

President	-	-	-	Donald Lisenby
Vice President	-	-	-	Martha Turner
Secretary	-	-	-	Pauline Goken
Treasurer	-	-	-	Denzil Halcom

#### CLASS ROLL

Lela Rainey  
Bernice Olson  
Harriet Roseman  
Louise Jamison  
Denzil Halcom  
Donald Lisenby  
Max Goken  
James Baker  
Pauline Goken  
Helen Baker  
Martha Turner  
Dale Conn  
John Ennis  
Cecil Peacock  
Mary Conover  
Elijah Rhodes

Class Advisor—Miss Balsley

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"He was faultless in his dealings."—Denzil Halcom.







FRESHMAN 1929

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BACK ROW—Lester Glenn, Celesta Hiter, Ethel Turner, Miss Brown, Edith Smith, Bonnie Ayers, George Johnston, Loren Richardson.  
 FRONT ROW—Paul King, Howard Baker, Aleta Glasgow, Muriel Long, Elsie Polston, Melvin Long, Cleta Long, Grace Baker, Areta Coffman, Doris Lisenby, Wayne Reeser.

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### FRESHMEN CLASS

#### OFFICERS

President	-	-	-	-	Doris Lisenby
Vice President	-	-	-	-	Elsie Polston
Secretary	-	-	-	-	Muriel Long
Treasurer	-	-	-	-	Areta Coffman

#### CLASS ROLL

Areta Coffman  
Bonnie Ayers  
Grace Baker  
Howard Baker  
Celesta Hiter  
Ethel Turner  
Doris Lisenby  
Cleta Long  
Lester Glenn  
Paul King  
Wayne Reeser  
Elsie Polston  
Muriel Long  
George Johnston  
Melvin Long  
Aleta Glasgow  
Loren Richardson

Class Advisor—Miss Brown

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"There is none like her, none."—Irene Smith.

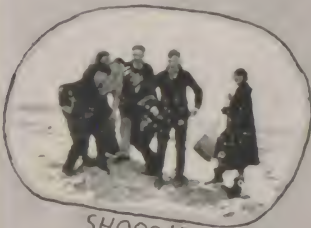




OUR BOYS



CHAMPIONS!



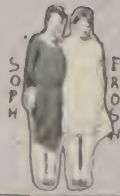
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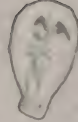


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FROON



OUR GANG



OUR ADVISER



MON-KEYS



WHO GETS HIM?



IT ISN'T FAIR



ASE



OUR GIRLS



OUR OFFICERS



WER NOT BASHFUL!



FIRST ROW—Bernice Bobbie, Irene Smith, Pearl Long, Grace Baker, Howard Baker.

SECOND ROW—Lewis Peacock, Ike Rhinehart, Yungzu Edwards, Harry Wise, Bonnie Ayers, Page Hoops.

THIRD ROW—Dale Conn, Willard Gift, Celesta Hiler, Juanita Martin, Ruth Dressler, Pearl Conover, Mildred Peterson.

FOURTH ROW—Pauline Goken, Charlotte Barclay, Wayne King, Edith Smith, Doris Lisenby, Bernice Olson, Helen Back.

FIFTH ROW—Eileen Fleming, Lela Rainey, Blanche Crowe, Elsie Polston, Mable Glasgow, Thelma Glenn, Lela Roseman, Denzil Hancock, Mirjah Rhodes.





FIRST ROW—Loren Richardson, Walter Dressler, Max Goken, Wayne Meredith, Kenneth Thurber, Kenneth Smith.  
 SECOND ROW—Vera Baker, Ula Whitehead, Gladys Peterson, Ethel Turner, Lena Bebie, Russell Fullenwider, Charlotte Barclay, Margaret Carr.  
 THIRD ROW—Cecil Peacock, Jeannette Rhodes, Grace Goken, Martha Turner, Margaret Railsback, Jessie Baker, Carol Adams, Helen Baker.  
 FOURTH ROW—Lester Glenn, Paul King, Donald Lisenby, Lester Baker, George Johnson, John Ennis.  
 FIFTH ROW—James Baker, Muriel Long, Harriet Roseman, Melvin Long, Areta Coffman, Aleta Glasgow, Cleta Long, Wayne Reeser.



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### JOKES

Don Lisenby said he had never been penalized for holding. But Harry Wise says that he was slapped.

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Cleta—"I'm going to diet."

Areta—"Peroxide or henna?"

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We want it understood that Emphasis is not a sister to Paralysis.  
Most of our students are strangers to the first.

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"We have to answer"—A Frosh wail.

"How Come?"—The Junior-Sophomore Response.

"Show Me"—Harry Wise and the rest of the Seniors.

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John Ennis (translating Latin) "I am ignorant—"

Miss Brown—"Yes, yes, but proceed."

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This line is dedicated to Ruth and Semus O'Brien who niver came to Nixon Township High School. AND NIVER WILL!

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Just to remind you that the third Liberty Bond Issue was due on Monday, the fifteenth of March.

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Loren (on train for first time).

Porter—"May I brush you off, sir?"

Loren—"No, I can get off."

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Mr. Shaw—"What can you tell me about Nitrates, Margaret?"

Margaret Railsback—"Well, they are a lot cheaper than day rates."

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That Wisconsin Sweetie—"You'll be true while I'm away at school?"

Gauthier—"Yes, but don't stay too long." (This is an English joke, and should be explained. The "TOO" gives the meaning of "also" when used in this connection. He means he will ALSO stay away. See Two Also. TWO ALSO—GET IT? Durn it, you'll probably laugh now when I can't see you. Dog gone it.)

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Some people are born poor, but—

How about Miss Webber's "JACK?"

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"Kind hearts are more than coronets."—Helen Baker.

MUSIC



SOCIETIES

EVENTS

ACTIVITIES



Mr. Merry

## ORCHESTRA

Organization of the orchestra was effected early in the year with the election of the following officers:

President, .....	Juanita Martin
Librarian, .....	Eileen Fleming
Manager, .....	Denzil Halcom

An innovation in high school activities was the combined orchestral concert and basket ball game at Beason on February 16, between representatives of the two schools, followed on February 22, by a similar meeting of these schools here in Weldon. We lost both games, the first by a close margin, the second was a larger score. Both were well contested and the score does not indicate the play of the teams, for subsequent records show they were the strongest in this section. The experiment proved highly popular in both communities and did much to promote a spirit of fellowship between the two schools.

Following is the program as given at Beason and Weldon:

March—G. A. R. Veterans, .....	Mackie Beyer
Overture—From Dawn to Twilight, .....	C. W. Bennett
Concert Waltz—Wedding of the Fairies, .....	C. L. Johnson
Serenade—Romance Land, .....	Mackie Beyer
Schottische—Big Black Coon, .....	Chas. Lowe
Organ Voluntary—New Friendship, .....	Fred Jewel
March—New Friendship, .....	Fred Jewel

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“Do good by stealth and blush to find its fame.”—Lela Rainey.





BACK ROW—Russell Fullenwider, Kenneth Smith, Thelma Clem, Elijah Rhodes, Ruth Dressler, Miss Heidler,  
 FRONT ROW—Margaret Railsback, Juanita Martin, Doris Lisenby, Pearl Long, Areta Coffman, Muriel Long, Jeannette Rhodes, Eileen  
 Fleming, Denzil Halcom.

## GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club was organized at the beginning of the year with the following elected officers:

President, ..... Margaret Railsback  
Vice President, ..... Eileen Fleming  
Secretary, ..... Lela Roseman  
Treasurer, ..... Juanita Martin

The glee club and orchestra have appeared in public a number of times throughout the year in joint programs, whose rendition under the able leadership of Miss Heidler and Mr. Merry, reflected the gratifying standard of accomplishment which the friends of both organizations have come to expect of them. Their appearance on the program at the County Teachers' Institute in Clinton early in the year was the occasion of much favorable comment. A joint concert given in the gymnasium early in May as an observance and in the interest of the community in the affair, attested the popularity of musical instruction in the school.

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It iz a blessed thing that there ain't n rules for buty, for the way iz now every man gets a hansum high school girl to take home. This remark ain't original. It is said that Dale Conn first mentioned the thing. You can take it or leave it at that.

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Of all the sad surprises  
There's none that can compare  
With treading in the darkness  
On a step that isn't there.

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Also "Experience" is what you get when you are looking for something else. "Hip, Hip," said Sparky as he pulled one leg from the Waynesville ooze.

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Prof. Shaw—Man did not descend from monkeys, but women came along and made them so.

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"His head as far from frand as heaven is from earth."—Lester Baker.

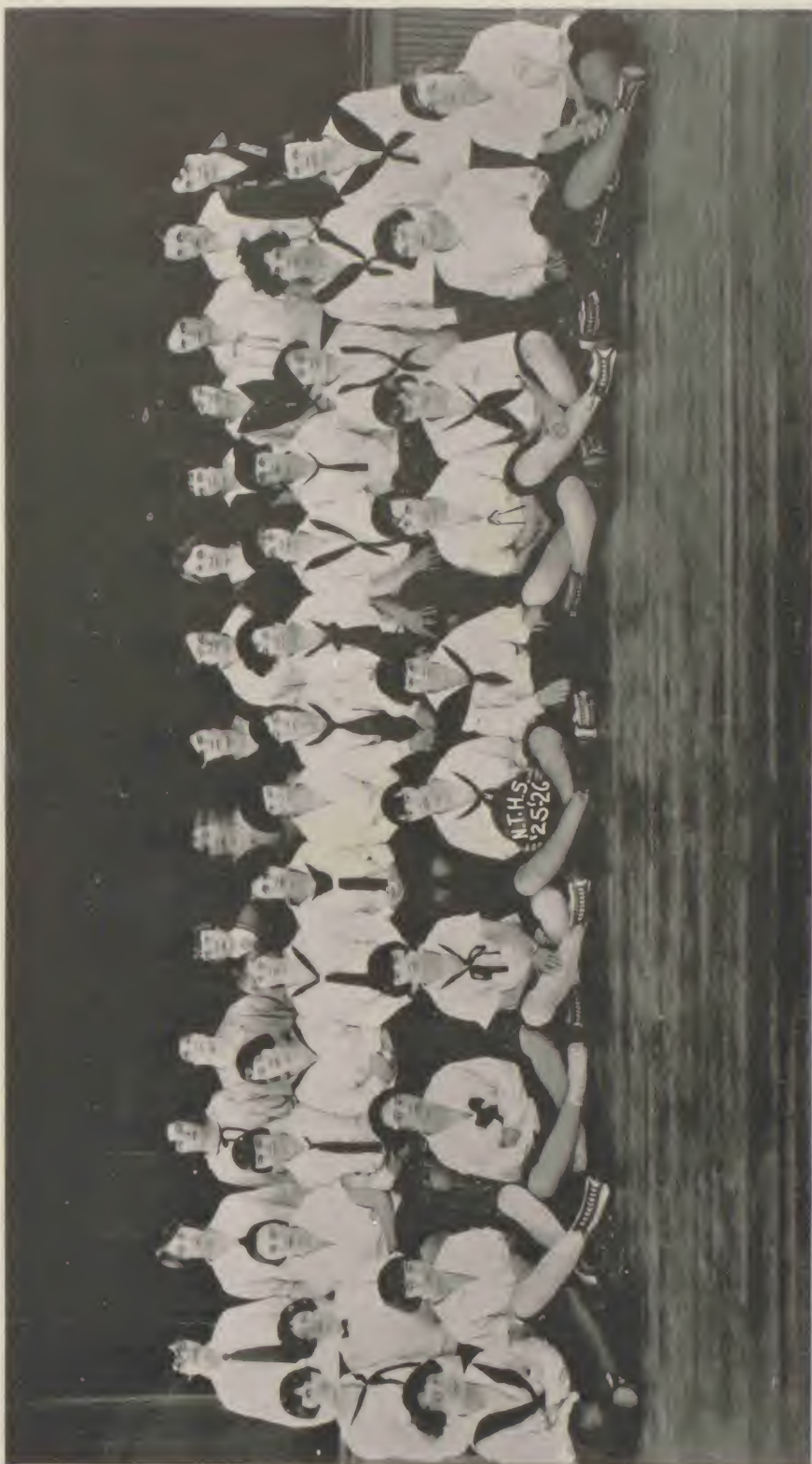




BACK ROW—Grace Goken, Jessie Baker, Ethel Turner, Charlotte Barclay, Carol Adams, Gladys Peterson, Juanita Martin (Accompanist)  
MIDDLE ROW—Eileen Fleming, Margaret Railsback, Bernice Bebie, Irene Smith, Pearl Long, Lena Bebie, Mabel Glasgow, Doris Lisen-  
by, Miss Heidler.  
FRONT ROW—Muriel Long, Elsie Polston, Laura Barclay, Thelma Glenn, Lela Roseman, Mildred Peterson, Areta Coffman, Cleta Long,  
Aleta Glasgow.







BACK ROW—C. Adams, J. Baker, C. Barclay, E. Turner, A. Coffman, M. Long, B. Ayers, B. Olson, P. Conover, M. Glasgow, V. Baker, R.  
 Dressler, L. Goken, Miss Webber.  
 MIDDLE ROW—C. Long, I. Smith, L. Bobie, L. Rainey, L. Barclay, A. Glasgow, C. Hiler, E. Smith, G. Baker, H. Baker, M. Peterson, P.  
 Goken, L. Roseman, J. Martin, D. Lisenby.  
 FRONT ROW—H. Roseman, T. Glenn, M. Turner, P. Long, B. Bobie, E. Polston, C. Whitehead, L. Peterson, M. Carr, J. Rhodes.

## GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Our new gymnasium made it possible for the girls to have regular "gym" classes. This is a state requirement and a great improvement in our school since it has been definitely established.

At first each class chose a captain. They were as follows: Freshmen, Doris Lisenby; Sophomores, Lela Rainey; Juniors, Bernice Bebie; Seniors, Juanita Martin.

The first semester each class had a separate "gym" period two days each week, but the second semester the Freshmen and Sophomore classes were united and the Juniors and Seniors also.

During the first semester the time was given to basket ball practice. In the second semester more time was spent in exercises, drills, games and volley ball.

Several basket ball games were played during the year between the different classes. Some of the results follows:

Winner	Vs.	Loser
Upper Classmen		Freshmen
Freshmen		Sophomores
Juniors and Seniors		Freshmen and Sophomores
Seniors		Juniors
Freshmen		Seniors

In the championship game of the Class Tournament, the girls played a full time and four overtime periods without a score being tallied on either side. A conference was called and it was decided to finish it up at a later date. At that time the Junior team won. This gave them first place in the First Annual Girls' Class Tournament and possession of the New Trophy Banner. The Sophomore team won third place by virtue of defeating the Seniors.

With Miss Webber as coach, the girls entered into gymnastic work and showed great improvement and plenty of enthusiasm. There is no doubt of the success of girls' athletics in Nixon High.





BACK ROW—Coach Gauthier, Russell Fullenwider, Lester Baker, Cecil Peacock, George Johnston, Kenneth Smith, Mr. Shaw,  
FRONT ROW—Donald Lisenby, Max Goken, Vaughn Edwards, Lewis Peacock, Wayne Meredith.

## BASKET BALL

In basket ball, N. T. H. S. had one of the most successful seasons in years. This was due partly to the fact that our playing location was changed from a "cracker box" to a large "up-to-the-minute" gymnasium, and partly to the work of our worthy coach, Raymond Gauthier, together with the untiring efforts of the players. We must not forget to mention the splendid support given the team by the people of the community, as this plays a large part in winning basket ball games.

Beginning with five men who had received letters last season, and a number of second string men, we started practice. Our first two games were with Cerro Gordo and Glasford, which we could not put in our "Win" column.

On December fourth came the gala night, Nixon, arrayed in new purple and gold uniforms, led by Captain Edwards, sought to dedicate our new gymnasium by a victory over Deland. We managed to keep ourselves, the gym, and the larger side of the score board together when the final whistle blew.

After losing a couple of games, we settled down to business and succeeded in winning our next seven games with such strong teams as Bement, Farmer City and The Alumni.

As the County Meet was drawing near we began training for it. We were rated as a contender for the championship of the county by most teams, with the possible exception of Clinton, but even they were forced to acknowledge our superiority on one Saturday evening, at their own Washington School gymnasium.

## COUNTY TOURNAMENT

The county tournament was worked out on a somewhat unusual plan this year. Three games were played at Wapella, and three upon our own floor with the finals at Clinton. N. T. H. S., after a week of stiff work-outs, was scheduled to p't their strength against the Farmer City Firsts in the opening game of the tournament at Weldon. In this battle we were easily the victors, as a 20-13 score can testify. In the second round we beat Kenney, victors over Farmer City Seconds, by a large marg'n, and with comparative ease.

This victory made us eligible to compete with Clinton Firsts, winners in the Wapella section, for the championship of DeWitt County at Clinton. This was a battle royal. Clinton opened the scoring with a free toss, followed by a basket. Then Nixon got busy and toppled in a basket, after which Clinton came back with another counter to make the score five to two for Clinton at the quarter. The second stanza found Nixon tying the score at six all and as the half ended Clinton held a one point advantage, 9-8.

In the second half we came back strongly and battled on even terms for the rest until the final whistle, and after the smoke had cleared away, behold! the score was tied at fifteen all. In the overtime, neither team scored until the last minute, when for one long moment the fans on the sidelines held their breath while a championship rested on the whims of a large, round, leather, air-inflated basket ball idly fooling around the rim of the basket. Then settling in the net where Captain Edwards had intended it should go. The purple and gold backers let out a roar—they were well satisfied that the boys had "delivered." They were, for when the final shot sounded and Clinton had missed the chance to tie the score from the free throw line, Nixon was leading 17-15. A near riot followed, but the excited crowd was quieted while Captain "Sparky" with his squad around him, received the emblematical trophy of victory, and listened to the all-

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"Strange to tell, she practiced what she preached."—Louise J.



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star selections. Sparky found his name at the All-Star selections for a first team center, and Sleepy Peacock was given a berth as forward on the Second All-Stars.

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"Sparky" Edwards, this year's Captain, was a dependable center, using his height along with his head to get the ball from the circle and to put in sleepers under the goal. Sparky is a senior this year and has played his last game for Old Nixon High. The gap he leaves will be hard to fill.

"Sleepy" Peacock held down one forward berth. His ability to sink long ones and break through the opponents' defense was one of the BIG reasons why Nixon won. When Peacock graduates in June, Nixon loses one of her most valuable athletes. He was placed on all-star teams, in three tournaments, and mentioned as one of the most dependable men in Central Illinois basket ball.

"Merry" Meredith, a Junior, was perhaps the fastest man on the team. He played floor guard, and his ability to stall off the opponents' scores and at the same time work on the offense with the forwards and center, won him fame among the fans.

Lisenby, the other forward, is only a Sophomore, but he showed his ability by his floor work and peppy disposition in many a stiff encounter. Next year should find him ranked among the best athletes that have been produced in this school. Don's advancement has been sure and certain, and he will go further next year.

Goken, the scoring Sophomore back guard, was a real scrapper and allowed his opponents to get a very few close in shots at the hoop. He had his fouling faults which he will have to correct. But we will say that Max is a real dyed-in-the-wool guard in spite of this playing error.

Cecil Peacock, '28, was a sub forward and succeeded in registering several points for N. T. H. S.. He will probably take the place vacated by his brother next season, if he continues to develop as he has this season.

Kenneth Smith, '27, being light and fast, was able to take the ball down the floor for shots. He has another year and should be a valuable man for his team.

Russel Fullenwider, '27, played guard in several games and proved to be good on defense as well as having some ability as a long shot artist. His work was very commendable.

Walter Dressler, '27, a second team man at center, proved to be of first team caliber, and should be even more valuable next season when we will need some one to sink in short shots.

Lester Baker, '26, played in several games. Of himself he told the editor that had he been able to go to high school another six years he thought he would know the difference between a shot in the dark and a sleeper, and that possibly he would be an all-star selection if the other five were taken out and lost.

Johnson, '29, Thurber, '27, Gift, '27, Glenn, '29 and Halcom, '28, should form the nucleus for a real squad next year. Here's wishing you fellows success.

### THE TEAM

Vaugh N Edwards  
Lew I s Peacock  
Ma X Goken  
D O nald Lisenby  
Way N e Meredith

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"I don't deny there are higher maths, but not for me."—Kenneth Th.



SCHEDULE OF BASKET BALL

N. T. H. S.	Place	Opponents
N. T. H. S.....16.....	Weldon	Cerro Gordo.....17
N. T. H. S..... 4.....	Weldon	Glasford, .....12
N. T. H. S.....16.....	Weldon	Deland, .....12
N. T. H. S..... 5.....	Farmer City	Farmer City, .....16
N. T. H. S.....18.....	Clinton	Clinton, .....29
N. T. H. S.....27.....	Weldon	Cerro Gordo, .....10
N. T. H. S.....12.....	Weldon	Alumni, .....11
N. T. H. S.....26.....	Weldon	Waynesville. ....11
N. T. H. S.....16.....	Weldon	Bement, ..... 8
N. T. H. S.....25 } Co. Tournament {	Weldon and Clinton	Farmer City, .....13
N. T. H. S.....30 }		Kenney, .....12
N. T. H. S.....17 }		Clinton, .....15
N. T. H. S.....12.....	Bement	Bement, .....26
N. T. H. S.....11.....	Weldon	Clinton, .....15
N. T. H. S.....11.....	Weldon	Maroa, .....36
N. T. H. S.....24.....	Deland	Deland, .....13
N. T. H. S.....43.....	Weldon	Kenney, .....19
N. T. H. S.....26.....	Waynesville	Waynesville, .....12
N. T. H. S.....24.....	Weldon	Mt. Zion.....18
N. T. H. S.....24.....	Weldon	Farmer City.....13
N. T. H. S.....20.....	Beason	Beason, .....25
N. T. H. S.....11.....	Weldon	Beason, .....21
N. T. H. S.....24.....	Kenney	Kenney, .....12
N. T. H. S.....36 } Dist. Tourn'mt {	Decatur	LaPlace, ..... 8
N. T. H. S..... 8 }		Manfield, .....24

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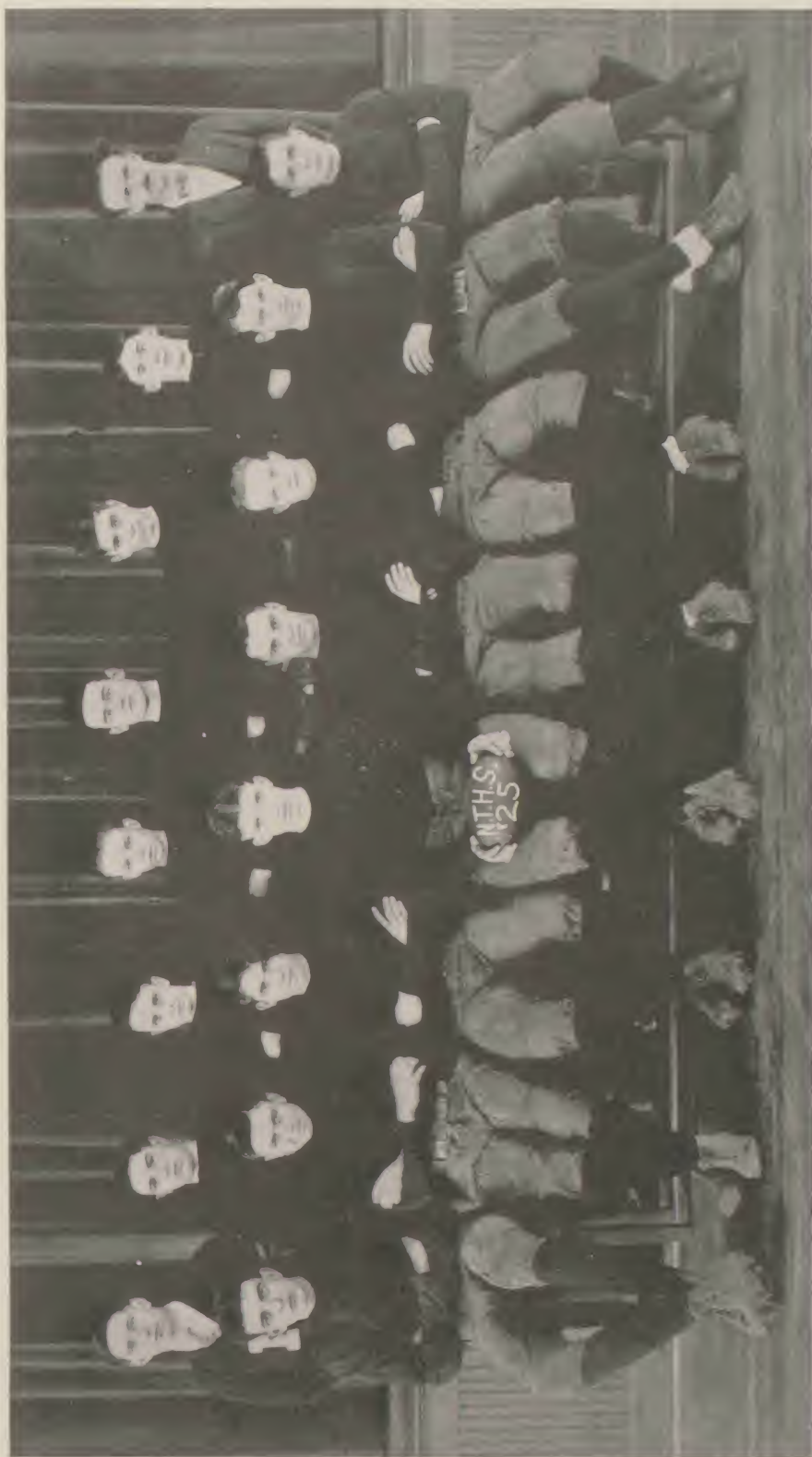
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"Another twist and we'll be turned around."—George Johnson.



BACK ROW—Mr. Gauthier, Wayne King, Donald Lisuby, Walter Dressler, Harry Wise, Kenneth Thurber, Max Goken, Mr. Shaw,  
 FRONT ROW—Vaughn Edwards, Wayne Meredith, Willard Gift, Lewis Peacock, Russell Fullonwider, Lester Baker, Kenneth Smith,  
 John Emis.

## DOINGS OF NIXON'S ATHLETES

### FOOTBALL

On the first day of school with a husky bunch of football aspirants, Coach Gauthier, the boy with the broad grin, took up his duties of developing a winning team at N. T. H. S. In the past three years N. T. H. S. has experienced rather lean seasons. In football this year the players and coach started out with a determination to put the pigskin across our opponent's goal line.

After a couple of weeks of drilling, the squad journeyed to Farmer City to practice with that team. This is accounted for by the fact that we have only a limited amount of material and could not have much scrimmage here. The squad seemed pleased with their showing and turned their thoughts to our first game with Bethany.

At Bethany we succeeded in holding the hard hitting Bethany Gang to a scoreless tie during the first half. In the second half our men became tired and allowed the opponents to take the ball down the field for a touchdown, which was followed by two more before the whistle blew.

Our next game was with Roosevelt Junior School at Decatur. In this game we made our first score, which came early in the second quarter when Captain Peacock booted the ball between the goal posts from the thirty yard line for the three points. Neither team scored during the remainder of the game. Next, we played Monticello, in which we ran wild and scored thirty points. Peacock carried the ball across for four touchdowns and Edwards scored one via the air route.

Our next foe was Farmer City, a much heavier team. This game was played in a heavy downpour of rain and both teams battled through an hour without a score. Our last game was with Jack Solar's Bement eleven, at which time we lost ten to nothing. Their only touchdown came in the last few minutes of play. A game with Mowequa was cancelled because it was so late in the season.

### The Schedule

BETHANY, .....	18	NIXON HIGH, .....	0
DECATUR JRS, .....	0	NIXON HIGH, .....	3
MONTICELLO, .....	0	NIXON HIGH, .....	30
FARMER CITY, .....	0	NIXON HIGH, .....	0
BEMENT, .....	10	NIXON HIGH, .....	0
MOWEQUA, .....	Cancelled		
Total, .....		Total, .....	
28		33	

Next year's squad will be without the services of Captain Peacock at Quarter Back, Edwards and Wise at ends, King at Guard, and Baker at Tackle. There will be several letter men back however, who should furnish the community with some good football in '26. Those who received letters this year were: Peacock, Edwards, Wise, King, Baker, Gift, Meredith, Smith, Dressler, Fullenwider, Thurber, Long, Lisenby,

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"Why should the devil have all the good times."—Bernice Bebie



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Goken, and Ennis.

### Line Up

Ends, .....	Wise, Edwards
Tackles, .....	Thurber, Baker, Dressler, Goken
Guards, .....	King, Fullenwider, Ennis
Center, .....	Gift
Quarter Back, .....	Peacock
Half Backs, .....	Lisenby, Long, Meredith, Smith

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George—"Is 'D' the passing grade here?"

Lela Rainey—"Well, I got through with E(ase) last year."

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Walter—"Well, I must be off—"

Pauline—"I thought so."

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Chop your own wood and it will warm you twice. This is no joke, but now that it's in, we'll leave it.

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"If it's made of paper, we have it." (Ad we saw.) So have we IT.

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If you love yourself very much no one else will love you at all.

Hum! Wonder how the seniors get by?

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But we must continue.

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Bill (hotly)—"I wouldn't touch him with a ten foot pole."

Irene—"Why not? What's the matter with him?"

Bill—"Nothing, But it would look so silly."

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"Loyal hearts beat high with pride."—Blanche.



Alfred Bebie

## OUR JANITOR

Our janitor is the best of men. Every day he is on duty, feeding the great furnaces their coal, sweeping the rooms, cleaning the halls and guarding our high school building from destructive hands. We owe to him the cleanliness of the building, always ready by school time. Mr. Bebie is the first janitor of the new building and the Class of '26 wishes him good luck in the years to come.

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"Half light, half shade; a fairy under the moon."—Lena Bebie.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

The first event in the social season at Nixon High School was a Halloween party for the High School students and faculty given by the Sophomores and Freshmen. The party was supposed to have been a surprise, but some of the youngest of the newest class found it impossible to keep us in what they considered an intolerable suspense, so the upper classmen had a delightful anticipation for about two weeks. We were entertained in the "gym" of the new High School and we felt, at first, rather in awe of it, as it was the first entertainment given there; but the committee in charge soon eliminated any possible degree of discomfort. Many of the students wore clever and unique costumes and some got away from the old time tradition of wearing gruesome masks and wore some truly pretty and becoming camouflages. The "gym" was attractively decorated in accordance with the season and yum! yum! the most delicious refreshments of—but ah! I shan't make you feel any worse by tempting you. Everyone thought that the lower classes, in spite of their youth, certainly had the knack of making people enjoy themselves.

This fall, the school was divided into three sections, the Reds, Blues, and Greens, for the purpose of a contest in selling magazine subscriptions for the Crowell Publishing Company. The two losing sides were to provide the expense of entertainment for the entire school and the winning side to select and supervise the games. The party was given in the afternoon in the accommodating "gym." The affair was novel in that it was a Prehistoric Party, the guests imitating animals, and some of them did it successfully, too. The entire group was divided into two sides, Mr. Shaw and Mr. Gauthier being the enthusiastic leaders. Excitement ran high, for the animals seemed to possess almost human intelligence in playing the competitive games. Mr. Shaw by his actions, certainly convinced the school that Darwin was right, and if there was any possible doubt left in any of the spectators' minds, Mr. Gauthier surely cleared their crowded cerebrums. It's no fun to be advisor of a losing side, so Miss Webber thought for she had the seemingly impossible task of concocting hot chocolate without heat. At any rate, the dainty sandwiches and chocolate served us were great, and it was hard to believe that any difficulty arose in their preparation. Members of the losing sides, and even the overworked leaders decided that if a loss could be rewarded by a time like that, then the loss was not so bad after all.

In honor of two of our popular fellow students, Jeannette and Elijah Rhodes, the Seniors and Sophomores gave a party for the entire school. Mostly games demanding a strong constitution, such as Black Man and Drop the Handkerchief, were played. Miss Balsley has found by the latter game that it doesn't pay to be popular, if you value yourself at all. In spite of the fact that everyone had a good time, it wasn't an altogether enjoyable evening, for we were conscious that two good friends and intelligent students were about to leave us. They, in turn, realizing the honor of the party, would much rather have done without it, and stayed with us. Although it wasn't Friday, salmon sandwiches, pickles and chocolate were served. Because the next day was the beginning of the tournament at Decatur, and the Basket Ball fellows had received definite instructions as to the hour of their bed time, the party broke up at ten o'clock, after assuring Jeannette and Elijah that they were going to be sadly missed.

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"It's good to be merry and wise."—Doris Lisenby.



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### ENGAGED BY WEDNESDAY

(The Senior Play given Tuesday, December 8th.)

#### The Characters were:

Martin Henry, largest man in town, .....	Lester Baker	
Arthur Watson, .....	Wayne King	
Jack, .....	} Friends of Arthur, ..... {	..... Vaughn Edwards
Ted, .....		..... Harry Wise
Dick, .....		..... Lewis Peacock
Miss Abigail Persons, a woman of ideas, .....	Page Hoops	
Mrs. Watson, a gentle person, .....	Lela Roseman	
Marie, .....	} Friends of Lucile, ..... {	..... Lena Bebie
Jane, .....		..... Margaret Carr
Mable, .....		..... Ula Whitehead
Lucile Persons, .....	Juanita Martin	
Mary, Martin Henry's aunt, .....	Jeanette Rhodes	
First Girl, First Gypsy, .....	Vera Baker	
Second Girl, Second Gypsy, .....	Mable Glasgow	

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### DEACON DUBBS

(Presented by the Senior Class on Friday evening, April 30th.)

#### The Characters were:

Deacon Dubbs, Sorghum Center, W. Va. ....	Lester Baker
Amos Coleman, a young lawyer, .....	Harry Wise
Rawdon Crawley, a wolf in sheep's clothing, .....	Lewis Peacock
Major McNutt, auctioneer and Justice of Peace, .....	Wayne King
Deuteronomy Jones, a country product, .....	Vaughn Edwards
Rose Raleigh, the brave little school ma'am, .....	Vera Baker
Miss Philipina Popover, with both eyes on the Deacon, ....	Page Hoops
Emily Dale, the richest girl in town, .....	Lena Bebie
Trixi Coleman, full of mischief, .....	Lela Roseman
Yennie Yensen, the hired girl, .....	Mildred Peterson

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"I'm sitting on top 'O tha world."—Williard Gift.

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### SAFETY FIRST

(Presented by the Junior Class, Thursday, April 8th.)

#### The Characters were:

Jack Montgomery, .....	Wayne Meredith
Jerry Arnold, .....	Walter Dressler
Mr. McNutt, detective, .....	Willard Gift
Elmer Flannel, .....	Russell Fullenwider
Abou Ben Mocha, .....	Kenneth Smith
Mrs. Barrington Bridger, .....	Carol Adams
Noble Montgomery, .....	Eileen Fleming
Virginia Bridger, .....	Irene Smith
Zuleika, .....	Margaret Railsback
Mary Ann, .....	Charlotte Barclay

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### TEN GOOD REASONS

- Why every self respecting man should swear just as often and as hard as he can:
- 1—Because it is such an elegant way of expressing thoughts.
  - 2—Because it is such a conclusive proof of tastes and good breeding.
  - 3—Because it is such a sure way of making one's self agreeable to his friends.
  - 4—Because it is positive evidence of acquaintance with (?) good literature.
  - 5—Because it furnishes such a good example and training for small boys.
  - 6—Because it's just what a man's mother would enjoy having her son do.
  - 7—Because it would look nice in print.
  - 8—Because it is such a good way of increasing one's self respect.
  - 9—Because it is such a help to manhood and virtue in many ways.
  - 10—Because it is such an infallible way of improving one's chances in the hereafter.
  - 11—and for good measure it's such a splendid way of increasing your vocabulary.

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"Quiet she seemed and sparse of words."—Muriel Long.

## JOKES

Miss Heidler—"Mr. Gauthier, can you carry a tune?"

Mr. Gauthier—"Certainly I can."

Miss Heidler—"Well, carry this one out and bury it."

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### A SENIOR

I used to think I knew, I knew,  
But now I must confess  
The more I know I know, I know  
I know, I know the less.

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Willard—"What a lot of muscle the members of the Glee Club have! I wonder why that is?"

Kenneth—"Oh, they get that reaching for the high notes."

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Senior—"Bonnie is a three letter girl."

Junior—"Volley ball, basket ball and tennis, I suppose."

Senior—"No—I. O. U."

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### OH BOY—PAGE MISS BROWN

You can lead a horse to water,  
But you can't make it drink.  
You can ride a Latin pony,  
But it cannot make you think.

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Howard—"Is that the moon or the sun up there?"

Melvin—"I don't know, I don't live here."

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Miss Balsley—"What turns green in the spring, John?"

John Ennis—"Xmas jewelry."

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James Baker says an awful lot of girls are stuck on him.

We say they must be an AWFUL LOT.

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(Heard in Physics)

"Have you a thumbtack, Gladys?"

"Honest, Juantia, I haven't, but I have a finger nail."

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"I do believe she is amused."—Ethel Turner.



## CALENDAR

"HERE'S JUST A GLIMPSE INTO THE DAYS  
THAT PASS SO QUICKLY BY:  
OUR DAYS OF WORK AND PLAY TOGETHER.  
IN GOOD OLD NIXON HIGH."

- September 7—Alas! School has commenced with nobody prepared.  
September 8—Mr. Shaw gives the Freshies advice on how to reach classes.  
September 9—Everybody getting acquainted. Seniors had a class meeting.  
September 10—Nobody studying. Books haven't arrived.  
September 11—Talk of initiation. Better watch out, "Freshies."  
September 14—Books here. Now we are to study, or so the teachers say.  
September 15—Everybody late. Mr. Shaw makes a speech.  
September 17—Georgie went home at noon?  
September 18—Too hot to study.  
September 21—Dr. Marvel was seen at school about 8:30 on this day.  
September 22—Mr. Gauthier takes the football boys to Farmer City.  
September 23—A sack of candy traversed the entire length of the old assembly.  
September 24—Everything goes as usual.  
September 25—Pep meeting in the morning.  
September 28—Seniors are going to Bloomington to have their pictures taken in the morning.  
September 29—Orchestra practices in order to be in tip-top shape for the Teacher's Institute.  
September 30—Rain! Rain! Everybody blue. So are you.  
October 1—Roads are muddy. Where are the cars that usually stand in front of old Nixon High?  
October 2—Football boys go to Decatur. We win.  
October 5—Pep meeting. L. A. A. have a fine meeting.  
October 6-9—Teacher's Institute. We have a vacation.  
October 7—Football game at Monticello. Another victory for us.  
October 8—Glee Club and Orchestra furnish entertainment at Institute.  
October 13—Exams! Exams! EXAMS! No time for anything else.  
October 14—More Exams.  
October 15—Did WE PASS?  
October 16—First home game. Farmer City and Weldon tie the score at 0-0.  
October 19—Visions of a senior play.  
October 21—School helps in campaign to rebuild "Old Ironsides."  
October 23—How grand! We are all learning to be great salesmen.  
October 27—Gee! Its cold.  
October 29—The last day in the old sheep shed.

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"Ah! A brunette."—Pearl Long.

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- October 30—Into the new High School at last. Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshies. Every one helps to move our belongings into our future home.
- November 2—Dr. Marvel gives us a few hints on what is expected of Nixon High students.
- November 3—Seniors start play practice.
- November 4—Girls begin basketball. Boy! Can't we play?
- November 9—Play practice. But where are the lights?
- November 11—Armistice Day. We pay our respects to the boys who died "over there."
- November 12—Oh! The day was dark and dreary.
- November 13—Friday, the thirteenth. Lucky or unlucky? Which?
- November 16—Miss Balsley doesn't mean "maybe."
- November 18—Basket ball game with Cerro Gordo. Weldon loses.
- November 19—Seniors crack walnuts in the basement until late in the night, and then?
- November 20—No school. Teacher's conference.
- November 23—Fish oil odor pervades the assembly.
- November 24—Seniors have their pictures taken in time for Xmas presents.
- November 25—Last day of this week and we have a party.
- November 26—Thanksgiving and no school.
- December 1—New system of taking roll. Works very well.
- December 2—Report cards out at last.
- December 3—Open house. Did we make a good impression?
- December 4—Dedication Game and Weldon wins. Deland! Deland! How you feel(and)?
- December 7—Practice. Play practice! Nothing but practice.
- December 8—Seniors give their class play.
- December 9—Seniors "Too Tired" to get their lessons.
- December 10—Debate in Economics.
- December 15—Better be good, boys.
- December 17—Another magazine salesman.
- December 18—Miss Balsley has an overwhelming curiosity to know who drew her name.
- December 21—A hot discussion occurred in American History Class.
- December 22—Three days to Christmas. Shop early.
- December 24—"Twas the day before.
- December 25—
- January 1—Vacation.
- January 4—Howard comes to school with his head wrapped up. What happened during vacation, Howard?
- January 5—All those New Year's resolutions are broken.
- January 6—Mr. Gauthier starts collecting notes.
- January 7—Freshies and Sophomores spend their time making posters.
- January 12—Seniors took some snap shots.
- January 13—Freshmen girls win in basket ball. They defeat the seniors, 3-2.
- January 14—Harry is mistaken for one of the faculty.

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"In modern times, let's be modern."—Arete Coffman.

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- January 15—Basket ball Tournament. "We'll win, by golly, we'll win," said Wayne, and we did. We beat Clinton by two points in an overtime game.
- January 18—Our yell leader can't even talk today.
- January 19—Poor deportments will cut exemptions, announce the teachers.
- January 21-22—Exams. 'Nuf sed.
- January 25—First day of the new semester and we have our pictures taken.
- January 27—Banquet for the boys. Sparky has an oratorical flight.
- January 28—Lester sleeps all day.
- February 2—Jessie decides to drag the roads between Farmer City and Weldon.
- February 4—State Inspector visits the High School.
- February 5—Weldon vs. Deland. We win.
- February 9—We beat Mt. Zion.
- February 12—Getting stuck in the mud on the way only gave the boys more pep to beat Waynesville.
- February 15—Sleeping in the assembly seems to be popular.
- February 16—All off for Beason. We lost.
- February 19—Farmer City goes home defeated.
- February 22—Though they (Beason) beat us again, WE still have the best orchestra.
- February 23—Mr. Gauthier has a birthday.
- February 25—We win from Kenney.
- February 26—We hear some French jokes but don't catch the point.
- March 1—The girls play basket ball, Jr. Sr. teams win.
- March 3—Jeanette and Elijah are leaving us. We give them a farewell party.
- March 4—All off for the District Tournament. We lose to Mansfield.
- March 8—The girls play volley ball. Both sides lose.
- March 10—Class tournament opens.
- March 12—The Junior girls and the Sophomore boys win the class tournaments.
- March 18—Many students are out of school on account of illness.
- March 25—Rain! Rain! Every day this week.
- April 1—Mr. Gauthier was almost April Fooled when he refused to answer the telephone.
- April 5—Play practice is surely getting monotonous for some of the Juniors.
- April 8—Junior play proves quite successful. My, but the Juniors are certainly proud of themselves.
- April 15—Overall day! The boys all have new overalls and so they wear them to school so people can see them.
- April 19—Apron day! The boys can't get ahead of us.
- April 29—Senior play. Another success for the Seniors' reputation.
- May 1—Senior girls all busy making their dresses and didn't have time to hang May baskets.
- May 14—Seniors out of school. Underclassmen find it dull without our enlightening presence.
- May 23—Baccalaureate.
- May 24—Class Night Play.
- May 27—Commencement and—"All's Well That Ends Well."

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"Man was formed for society."—Loren Richardson.



## PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

### Officers 1925-26

President, .....	Mrs. James Coffman
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The Parent—Teachers' Association meets on the first Friday of every month for the purpose of creating a better understanding between parents and teachers and, by so doing, help the pupils to attain the ends for which they are striving.

On Thursday evening, September 17th, the annual reception of welcome for the teachers drew a good attendance. The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion. Games and contests were the diversions, after which refreshments were served.

About 150 people attended the annual banquet for the Basket Ball boys on January 27th. The dinner, which was served in three courses, was delicious. Later music was presented by the Orchestra and Glee Club of the High School. Dr. Marvel, as Master of Ceremonies, called on various members of the team, the School Board, and others for impromptu talks.

Complying with numerous requests, the P. T. A. arranged a spelling match between some of their members and the High School students, at which time the P. T. A. carried off the highest honors. A girls' Basket Ball game was also played on the same date, which was January 18th.

In co-operation with the P. T. A., Dr. Foote annually examines the teeth of the Grade children and treats those whose parents are unable to pay him for his work, with the aid of the P. T. A.

The programs this year have been exceptionally interesting, some of the best features being: Address by Dr. Carter, of Clinton, on "The Child Before It Goes to School," and an address by Dr. Stafford of the "U" of Illinois on "Physical Education." This was a special Fathers' night program. Dr. Marvel gave a short talk on "Things New in Medicine." Dr. Kreuger, of Chicago, gave an address on "Giving Your Child a Chance." This speaker was sent to speak to the Weldon Woman's Club, and their kind offer to hold a joint meeting with the P. T. A. was accepted. A paper on "Dressing our Daughters" was read by Mrs. Lisenby, and Mr. Fullenwider read a paper on "Getting Rid of the Gang." On different occasions the Glee Club and the Grade pupils have favored the club with musical selections.

The Club has done various things to earn money this year, and by so doing, has been able to purchase some things which help to make for convenience in the High School, and at this writing are planning to do the same for the Grades.

Membership in this year's Club is the largest in the history of the Club, being in all 114 persons. Parents and friends are sincerely invited to attend meetings and to join the organization.

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"She's all my fancy painted her."—Eileen Fleming.

## THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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The Alumni Association is a society of graduates of the Nixon Township High School, which was organized March 22, 1919. The membership at the first meeting of the organization consisted of only eight persons, which has now been increased to seventy-five.

An annual banquet is held at the end of each school term in order to welcome the new graduates into the society and for a reunion of the old graduates. Thus old classmates and schoolmates are kept in contact.

Officers for the ensuing year are elected, and all business of the association is transacted at this time. A very good entertainment is provided and the remainder of the evening is spent in meeting old and new classmates and friends.

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Lola A. Emery, instructor, ..... Mackinaw, Illinois  
C. C. Gray, pharmacist, ..... ElPaso, Illinois  
W. H. Gray, banker, ..... Weldon, Illinois  
Clarence Keele, civil service, married, ..... Weldon, Illinois  
Karl L. Peterson, student U. of I., ..... Urbana, Illinois  
Mildred Saylor, now Mrs. Harry Goble, ..... Clinton, Illinois  
V. L. Shinneman, ass't. Co. treasurer, married, ..... Clinton, Illinois  
K. Fleet Summers, brakeman, married, ..... Clinton, Illinois

### CLASS OF 1919

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Velda Hunt, now Mrs. Elmer Mix, ..... DeLand, Illinois  
Ray Olson, travelling collector, ..... Decatur, Illinois

### CLASS OF 1920

Ira L. Richardson, First Nat'l Bank, ..... Springfield, Illinois  
Opal I. Emery, primary teacher, ..... Weldon, Illinois  
Ernest Dickey, principal high school, ..... Glasford, Illinois  
Florence McKown, now Mrs. V. Shinneman, ..... Clinton, Illinois  
Clarence Galaway, farmer, married, ..... DeLand, Illinois

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"One of the three graces."—Grace Goken.

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### CLASS OF 1921

Florence Baker, married, Mrs. Clarence Galaway, .....	DeLand, Illinois
Lois Ennis, married, Mrs. Elmo Galaway, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Ruby Gray, married, Mrs. Ray O'Daffer, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Ollie Roben, nurse, .....	Decatur, Illinois
Paul Peterson, farmer, married, .....	Kenney, Illinois
Cora Swearingen, married, Mrs. Harry Clifton, .....	Chicago, Illinois
Sarah Montgomery, .....	Clinton, Illinois
William Montgomery, I. C. shops, .....	Clinton, Illinois

### CLASS OF 1922

Edna Baker, student, .....	Urbana, Illinois
Verneda Glenn, teacher, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Opal Gray, art teacher, .....	Springfield, Illinois
Gertrude Marsh, teacher, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Donn Mire, Meuller's Mfg. Co., married, .....	Decatur, Illinois
Clara Farr, now Mrs. Ernest Dickey, .....	Glasford, Illinois
Leona Roben, married, Mrs. C. H. Miller, .....	Goosecreek, Texas
Voyle Roberts, farmer, married, .....	Lape, Illinois
Ura Shearer, teacher, .....	Normal, Illinois
Ethel Smith, nurse, .....	Decatur, Illinois
Maree Marsh, Mrs. R. A. Lynn, .....	Deceased

### CLASS OF 1923

Howard Burton, agriculturist, married, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Pearl Conover, student, .....	Decatur, Illinois
Manila Danison, married, Mrs. G. W. Hedburg, .....	Danville, Illinois
Ava Ennis, student, .....	Decatur, Illinois
Cleo Long, stenographer, .....	Chicago, Illinois
Corwin Miller, orchestra, .....	St. Louis, Missouri
Sylvia Mire, Meuller's Mfg. Co., .....	Decatur, Illinois
Ada Perkins, married, Mrs. Morris McKown, .....	Decatur, Illinois
Lucille Redding, married, Mrs. Fred McKown, .....	Decatur, Illinois
Marie Shinneman, secretary, .....	Decatur, Illinois
Owen Tilbury, at home, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Walter West, married, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Lela Wise, married, Mrs. Burnett Goken, .....	Weldon, Illinois

### CLASS OF 1924

Elsa Bebie, telephone operator, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Elda DeSpain, married, Mrs. Benton Granley, .....	Holder, Illinois
Erma Dickey, clerk, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Lewis Edwards, student, .....	Valpariso, Indiana
Arthur Ennis, student, .....	Decatur, Illinois
Laura Foot, student, .....	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Marjorie Fullenwider, nurse, .....	Decatur, Illinois

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"I can always say something."—Sparky Edwards.



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Frances Galloway, student, .....	Normal, Illinois
Opal Geer, at home, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Roy Geer, farmer, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Earle Hunt, painter, married, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Lucille Hunt, married, Mrs. Howard Burton, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Marjie Mattix, married, Mrs. Earle Hunt, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Glen McConkey, student, .....	Normal, Illinois
Ethel Meredith, student, .....	Decatur, Illinois
Lorraine Olson, student, .....	Fort Wayne, Indiana
Altha Rainey, teacher, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Roy Wilson, teacher, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Mildred Baker, at home, .....	Weldon, Illinois

### CLASS OF 1925

Pauline Marvel, student, .....	Chicago, Illinois
Phillip Foote, at home, .....	Weldon, Illinois
Lotis Hunt, student, .....	Bloomington, Illinois
Paul Walden, Kane engravers, .....	Bloomington, Illinois
Frances Fleming, student, .....	Urbana, Illinois
Glen Tilbury, student, .....	Normal, Illinois
Nora Bennet, at home, .....	Gasport, Indiana
Kenneth McConkey, student, .....	Bloomington, Illinois

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Horace Daniel, .....	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Marvel
Laura Mae, .....	Mr. and Mrs. Rex Garret
Frances, Florence, .....	Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mix
Howard Earl, .....	Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Galaway
Allan G., Donna Marie, .....	Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peterson
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Audrey Mae, .....	Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Galaway

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"To what do I owe my popularity?"—Mr. Gauthier.

## JOKES

Ethel Turner got the editor of this joke column out of bed one night at three p. m., and said she didn't want her name attached to no jokes. She isn't.

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Mr. Shaw—"You can't sleep in class, Lester."

Lester B.—"I know I can't. I've been trying for a half hour."

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### AN ELEVATING JINGLE

My Bonnie bent over the gas tank,  
The height of its contents to see;  
She lighted a match to assist her,  
O, bring back my Bonnie to me.

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Ruth—"Why, you don't say you flunked in French? I can't understand it."

Mable—"Neither can I."

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Mr. Gauthier—"Were you talking in class, Vaughn?"

Vaughn—"No, I never talk in my sleep."

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Mr. Shaw—"Have you ever been in Holland, Harry?"

Harry Wise—"No, but I've been in DUTCH several times."

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Lester Glenn to Russel—"What time is it?"

Russel—"Ten to——"

Lester—"Ten to what?"

Russel—"Ten' to your own business."

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Laura is letting her hair grow because she says she can't stop it.

Which reminds us that safety razors are on sale, and the down follows the blade as the hands hold the razor. Careful there, Sophs. O, well—it's your chin.

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Miss Webber—"This book will do half your work."

Ike—"Gimme two—quick."

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"Little said is soonest mended."—Walt Dressler.



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Weldon school opened Monday, September 7, for an eight and a half month's term. It closed May 20, on which date the final examinations were held.

The faculty were as follows: Principal, Everett Reeves, and teachers, Miss Nelle Benson, Mrs. Mabel Mire, and Miss Opal I. Emery.

The enrollment was 115 pupils. Twelve were neither absent nor tardy. Their names are; Junior Dawson, Dorothy Deveny, Eleanor Field, Jean Clemons, Leo Workman, Florence Black, Evelyn Benson, Rachel Long, Chas. Workman, Virginia Gray, Gertrude Redding, and Ersu Followell. Five perfect attendance pins were given each, indicating 32 months of perfect attendance in school.

Miss Heidler was engaged as vocal instructor and Mr. Merry as instructor on orchestral instruments. Fifteen pupils received this instruction on various instruments.

There were both boys and girl teams in basket ball. Much good basket ball material is thus made available for further high school teams. Lester Thurber was elected captain of the first team and Virgil Monkman, captain of the second team. Several games were played with surrounding and local teams.

Our school was represented in the county spelling contest in December by Irene Peacock and Virginia Gray. We secured fourth place. Eunice Baker and Lizzie Absher received perfect spelling pins for 600 perfect lessons in spelling.

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"Oh your sweet eyes, your low replies."—Celesta Hiter.



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"The best party of beauty a picture cannot express."—Wayne King.

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BACK ROW—Harold Reeser, Virgil Long, Mildred Brown, Edna Moody, Ethel Goken, Clarence Goken, Donald Brown, Ora Followell, Hubert Lisenby.

FRONT ROW—Fern Goken, Rachel Long, Carrie Absher, Evelyn Benson, Freda Peterson, Berniece Peacock, Ida Black, Martha Perkins, Loyd Shimmeman, Charles Workman.



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THIRD ROW—Virgil Glasgow, Leo Workman, Ruth Perkins, Thelma Followell, Roy Gordon Goble, Berniece Redding, Vernelle Workman, Margaret Green.

SECOND ROW—Laurence Brown, Charles Smith, Jose Alsher, Hester Long, Gladys Horton, Leon Danison, Mary Brown, Jessie Oakes.

FIRST ROW—Eleanor Field, Dorothy Deveney, Leota Brown, Betty Schwehm, Lester Goken, Jean Clemons, Loretta Able, Colin Reeves, Delmar Absher, Phyllis Coffman.

“Those move easiest who have learned to dance.”—Miss Webber.





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"There are men, but one is sufficient."—Mildred P.



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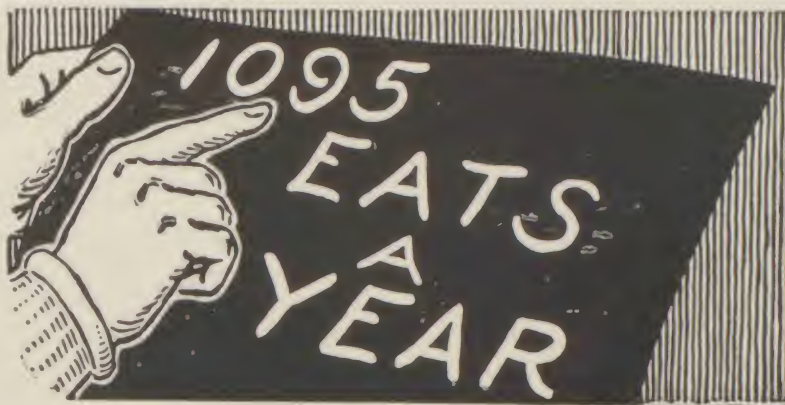
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